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UCO'S STLR PROGRAM FUNDS 61 TRANSFORMATIVE STUDENT PROJECTS

The University of Central Oklahoma's Student Transformative Learning Record (STLR) recently funded 61 Transformative Learning projects for spring and summer 2017, totaling \$249,550.

The projects span disciplines in all five of the university's colleges (Business, Education and Professional Studies, Fine Arts and Design, Liberal Arts and Mathematics and Science) and encompass each of the Central Six Tenets of Transformative Learning. Those tenets include discipline knowledge; global competency; health and wellness; leadership; research, creative and scholarly activities; service learning and civic engagement.

Experience with each of these tenets helps students build the skills highly sought by employers, along with the knowledge gained from the student's selected major.

"Helping students to acquire extra skills and knowledge, besides classroom training, through this educational experience has been extremely rewarding for me. The skills they learn through STLR projects will be very beneficial to them as they embark on their careers in museums," said Heidi Vaughn, a supervisor for the project *Preserving the UCO Fashion Museum Collection*.

STLR received 81 proposals for consideration last semester. The projects selected showed a connection to the Central Six Tenets, probability of student transformative growth and evidence of benefitting STLR's target population.

In addition to the projects, STLR offers funds for supplies. Twelve projects have been awarded supply monies since January. Students or supervisors currently working on Transformative Learning projects may apply for these funds. Students or supervisors can submit a proposal for the fall 2017 semester later this spring.

"We are excited to see another great round of proposals for Transformative Learning Student Projects later this spring. Reviewing these proposals continues to be an eye-opening experience, as we see the diversity and depth of projects happening or conceived on and off campus," said Mark Walvoord, assistant director of STLR.

STLR is supported by a \$7.8 million grant from the United States Department of Education. STLR aims to track, assess and provide information to help college students develop and use skills critical to their workplace, citizenship and personal success like problem solving, interacting in a multicultural environment and working with a team. Students will graduate with a "second transcript" to show potential employers that they have proven competency in these critical areas.

To learn more about STLR, visit <http://www.uco.edu/stlr>.

To see all STLR funded projects and apply for a new project, visit <http://www.uco.edu/central/tl/stlr/tl-student-projects.asp>.

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